APPENDIX I

(Vide answer to Starred Question No. 15 by Sri P. G. MANICKAM and Sri S. LAZAR at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 8th August 1960, page 11 supra.)

The following measures have been taken for the expeditious disbursement of scholarships, examination fees, non-recurring grants, etc., from the Harijan Welfare Department :—

(1) In order to avoid delay in the disbursement of scholarships, etc., to the eligible community and other Backward Class students studying in Post-matric courses as well as all pre-matric courses, powers have been delegated to the District Welfare Officers for sanctioning scholarships, etc., in the districts. In the City, powers have been delegated to the Personal Assistant to the Director of Harijan Welfare for sanctioning Pre-matric scholarships. The Director of Harijan Welfare will be responsible for post-matric scholarships in the City.

(2) Government have also ordered that applications for post-matric State scholarships for Backward Classes should be registered institutionalwise instead of registering them districtwise which involved lot of time and that Backward Class candidates should be selected mainly on the basis of marks.

(3) A Personal Deposit Account has been opened in the Reserve Bank of India in the name of the Director of Harijan Welfare to enable him to issue cheques without any pre-audit of the bills by the Pay and Accounts Officer, thereby eliminating delay in the Pay and Accounts Office in passing the bills.

(4) An Accounts Officer, Junior Accounts Officer and adequate Accounts staff have been sanctioned in the office of the Director of Harijan Welfare for making Internal Audit of the scholarship bills and other items of expenditure.

(5) The students are required to send renewal applications for scholarships so that the acknowledgment for receipt of scholarships for the previous year may be obtained straightaway on the renewal application itself thereby avoiding delay in getting lists of promotees from the Principals and the acquittances for the previous year. The heads of institutions have been instructed to get fresh and renewal application forms for scholarships from the students at the time of their admission and to forward them to the Director of Harijan Welfare or District Welfare Officers without delay.

(6) The Government have ordered that once selection of candidates has been made with reference to the income of the parents of the candidates, any increase in the income need not be taken into account for renewals of the scholarships till the completion of the course.